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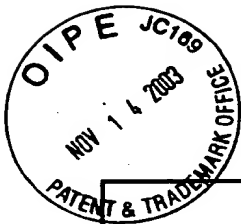
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Sir:

The Examiner's Action dated August 18, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, Applicants provide the attached Verified Translation of Applicants' Priority Documents in order to remove U.S. Patent No. 6,031,256 issued to Liu et al. as prior art available to the Examiner in rejecting Applicants' claimed invention. Consequently, claims 1-8, 10 and 11 remain pending in the instant application and have not been amended.

With reference now to the Official Action particularly pages 2 and 4 thereof, claims 1-6, 8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S.

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Patent No. 5,798,539 issued to Jorke in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,031,256 issued to Liu et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,440,152 issued to Yamazaki while claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the above-noted references as applied to claim 1 and further in view of M.S. Sze in Physics of Semiconductor Device, 2nd Edition, 1981. Each of the foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed in that the teachings of Liu et al. are not available to the Examiner as prior art.

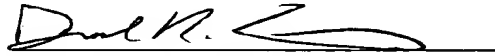
Specifically, filed concurrently herewith are Verified Translations of each of Applicants' three Priority Documents, namely Japanese Patent Application No. 10-038758, Japanese Patent Application No. 10-154689 and Japanese Patent Application No. 10-154700, each of the applications being entitled to a filing date of February 20, 1998, June 3, 1998 and June 3, 1998 respectively. As the Examiner can readily appreciate, the effective filing dates to which Applicants are now entitled with the perfection of the claim of priority is prior to the filing date of February 5, 1999 to which the Liu et al. reference is entitled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,031,256 issued to Liu et al. is not available to the Examiner as prior art.

Accordingly, in that the teachings of Liu et al. are not available to the Examiner as prior art and as recited on page 5 of the Official Action in response to Applicants' arguments, the Examiner relies heavily on the teachings of such reference, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-8, 10 and 11 clearly distinguishes over the available prior art of record and are in proper condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-8, 10 and 11 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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